

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,  
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2005,  
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**

**PRESENT:** Mr B Sabberton-Coe – Chairman  
Mr B Leggett Mr C Green Mr D Little Mr M Vincent

**APOLOGIES:** Mr K Leggett, Mrs G Masdin, Mr D Thompson and Miss P Wilkin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**61. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

**62. PLANNING**

62.1. The list of planning applications was considered and recommendations made to the Planning Authority, Broadland District Council, as noted on the attached list

62.2. It was noted that the retrospective application 20051425, for a 1.8 metre high fence had been refused by Broadland District Council

**63. MINUTES OF 14.11.2005**

The minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**64. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND**

64.1. Storage Unit for Junior Football Club. The Club had asked if the unit might be sited on the car park until the ground was firm enough to move it to the site behind the old tractor shed and a suitable base prepared. This request was readily AGREED. It was AGREED that the unit should be sited adjacent to the electricity sub station. It was suggested that the car park might be a better permanent site; it was decided to review this idea at a later date but to mention it to the Club as they might wish to prepare the site at the car park appropriately.

64.2. Safety surfacing in the play areas. No comments had been received as a result of the recent newsletter article. It was AGREED to retain the sand as safety surfacing for the present and to inform residents in the next newsletter

64.3. MUGA. A quotation to resurface the fourth side of existing hard area in the sum of £2,977 had been received; this brought the total for fencing up to £11,535. The cost of surfacing had been quoted at £9,469, plus £14.83 per metre to replace damaged sections of kerb. A second quotation and quotations for floodlighting were awaited. It was AGREED to make an application for grant to Wren using the best quotation, if possible, as the deadline for submission of the next round of applications was 6<sup>th</sup> January 2006. The next date for submission of applications would be 7<sup>th</sup> April 2006.

64.4. Woods, tree survey. One budget price to survey the wooded area had been received, a second was awaited. It was necessary to carry out the survey in the interest of safety, to identify trees that might pose a risk either now or in the future. In addition the survey would form the basis of a scheme to improve and make better use

of the amenity of the woods. It was AGREED to consider purchasing a brush cutter to enable clearance of brambles and other ground covering weed plants.

64.5. Any other matters. Garrick Green entrance. It was noted that the panel of the neighbour's fence adjacent to the new gate had been removed. It was AGREED to monitor the situation.

## **65. WOODHAM LEAS AMENITY LAND**

The planned planting had been delayed as the trees were not available, partly due to the late season and the trees not being dormant at the expected time. Arrangements had been made for the Garden Guardian to plant the trees in late January 2006. Letters had been sent to the neighbouring residents to keep them informed.

## **66. LAVARE PARK**

66.1. Football training. Unofficial verbal confirmation of the Club's wish to move its evening training sessions to Lavare Park had been received and written confirmation was awaited. Quotations for the necessary floodlights were also awaited.

## **67. CEMETERY**

67.1. Trees. It was AGREED to replace the weeping silver birch trees with Fotinia provided by Broadland District Council under the Parish Tree Warden Scheme. Half the trees would be replaced in 2006 and the remainder the following year.

## **68. CHURCHYARD**

68.1. Damage to west wall. There was no news from the Council's insurers.

## **69. COUNCIL OFFICE, SIGNING**

69.1. Quotations had yet to be obtained.

## **70. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

70.1. Junction of St Faiths Road with Fifers Lane. The Highway Engineer had replied to the questions asked. Members considered the response, which confirmed that any improvement to traffic flows exiting St Faiths road would undoubtedly make the route more attractive and encourage more traffic along Church Street and St Faiths Road. To assess the potential success of a mini roundabout it would be necessary to carry out a feasibility study; in order for a feasibility study to be undertaken evidence of a rise in accidents would be needed. The engineer was unable to recommend other measures which could be taken at the junction.

It was PROPOSED by Mr B Leggett and SECONDED by Mr M Vincent that a recommendation be made that the Council takes no further action as advice and evidence suggested that the junction could not be further improved, and noting that the improvements carried out in 2001 had successfully addressed the safety issues. This was AGREED by a majority of 4 councillors in favour with 1 against. It was also AGREED to report this in the next newsletter and to send copies of the correspondence to Mr S Dunn, the Norfolk County Councillor.

70.2. Traffic survey of Church Street and Spixworth Road. Members were grateful to Mr C Green for summarising the report. Mr Green outlined his findings; it was

noticeable that higher speeds occurred between midnight and 5 am when the volume of traffic was lowest. He also noted that heavy lorries had been using Church Street in contravention of the weight limit.

It was AGREED to ask the Casualty Reduction Partnership again about using its motorcycle mobile camera in the Village.

It was AGREED to write and thank the Highway Engineer for organising the survey and asking for consideration of measures to reduce the speed of traffic at Church Street.

It was noted that Norfolk County Council was already assessing Spixworth Road because of the number of recent accidents and that the results of that assessment were expected in the near future.

70.3. Proposed 20 mph limit at Appleacres. Norfolk County Council wished to know if this was supported. It was noted that there were already 20 mph signs there. There was no objection.

## **71. CORRESPONDENCE**

71.1. The attached list was discussed.

71.2. Police reorganisation. An invitation had been received from Mr J Sadler of the Norfolk County Association of Parish and Town Councils to meetings to discuss this, at short notice. Unfortunately it was not possible for anybody to attend. It was AGREED to reply with apologies that members were unable to attend due to the short notice and stating that their preference would be for the Police to continue to operate on a single county basis.

71.3. A resident of West Acre Drive had written to ask that the detached footway between West Acre Drive, near Edgefield Close, and Kiln Close to be lit. It was AGREED that members would visit and assess the need and discuss again at the next meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.

Chairman 9th January 2006